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CASHEWNUT CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the cashewnut cultivation in the North East;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated during the last three years; and

(c) the details of subsidies given for the cultivation and marketing of cashewnuts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) & b) The Government has proposal to increase cashewnut cultivation in North East under the Technology Mission of Government of India. Funds are provided directly to the States as per the norms suggested by the respective State Development Department as sanctioned in their Annual Action Plan.The financial assistance @ Rs. 13,000/ha for new plantation development scheme is being provided in three installments.The targets and achievement under Technology Mission for North East (2003-07) is given below:

(c) The Cashew Export Promotion Council provides assistance to cashew processor/exporters for marketing/export promotion under the various schemes of Government of India i.e. Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, etc.